(c) whether the revived Committee has made any progress; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tripartite DA Committee set up in September, 1988 under the Chairmanship of Labour Minister had several meetings where various aspects of Dearness Allowance Formula were discussed. As the Committee could not come to any conclusion, Government decided that the existing Industrial Dearness Allowance Formula may continue with a revise rate of Rs. 1.90 per point shift with effect from 1.1.89. As there was considerable representation against the decision of the Government, it was decided to revive the Tripartite Committee whose term had expired on 31st March, 1990.

(c) and (d) The revived Tripartite DA Committee has held three meetings so far. The Committee has not finalised its recommendations till now.

Central Investment in States

1466. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central Investment in Kerala as on the 31st December, 1989;

(b) what are the States, where the percentage of Central investment has registered a steady growth; and

(c) what are the States, where the percentage has registered a downward trend over a period of three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c) Central Plan investment is made for the country as a whole keeping national priorities in view. These Central programmes/projects in most cases transcend the limits of State boundaries. The fruits of these programmes/projects also get spread all over the country. As such these schemes are not drawn-up State-wise. Hence details of total Central Investment in Kerala as on the 31st December, 1989 are not available. However, estimates of State-wise expenditure of the Central Plan for the Sixth Five Year Plan and the first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan *viz.*, 1985-86 (Actuals), 1986-87 (RE) and 1987-88 (BE) have been worked out in consultation with the Ministries and are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 47)

दिल्ली में हिन्दी एक वैकल्पिक विषय के रूप में

1467. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल: क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली में 9वीं तथा 10वीं कक्षाओं में हिन्दी को एक वैकल्पिक विषय बना दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार हिन्दी को 12वीं कक्षा तक एक अनिवार्य विषय बनाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब से और यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमनभाई मेहता): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। विद्यमान योजना के अनुसार दिल्ली प्रशासन के अधीन स्कूलों में कक्षा 9वीं और 10वीं में हिन्दी वैकल्पिक विषय है, तथापि, केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा लागू